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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Takeshi KOBAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: CNF NO. 4950
Application No.: 10/757,388 : Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: January 15, 2004 : Examiner: Dilinh P. Nguyen

For: LEAD FRAME, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING LEAD FRAME AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 19, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct embodiments:

Embodiment 1: Figs. 1A-7C; and

Embodiment 2: Figs. 8A-10.

Applicants elect Embodiment 1, corresponding to Figs. 1A-7C, with claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, and 31. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized

to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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